(b) if so, what are the details of such undertakings; and

(c) what are the reasons for such transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No final decision has been taken in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Declaration of Housing as an Industry

1376. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Urban Development had made a proposal to declare housing as an Industry; and

(b) if so, at what stage does the proposal rest now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The matter is yet to be finalised by the Ministry of Urban Development.

Prices of indigenous newsprint

1377. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 31st January, 1986 to the effect that despite the removal of import duty on imported pulp in the last budget for the public sector units manufacturing newsprint, the selling prices of indigenous newsprint went up;

(b) whether it is a fact that the increase in the prices of newspapers to meet the cost of production would restrict the circulation of newspapers; and

(c) if so, what remedial steps Government are taking to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Government have come across the news item appearing in a section of the press. All the indigenous newsprint units are integrated plants having their own pulping of facilities and the imported pulp is used by them only to supplement their requirement.

The claims of the indigenous newsprint manufacturers for revision of their ex-mill prices on account of the escalation in the cost of raw materials and other inputs were got examined by the Bureau of Industrial Costs & Prices before Government decided to permit the price increase. A large part of the escalations in costs claimed by the manufacturers was on account of the increase in working costs for forest raw materials and related taxes, increase in royalties, hikes in power rates and increase in tax on self-generated power.

Newsprint is only one of the inputs for publication of newspapers. A part of the demand for newsprint is met by imports. The recent increase in the price of indigenous newsprint is not likely to affect the cost of publication of newspapers significantly.

Maruti Cars

1378. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maruti Udyog has a target for producing one lakh units of car per year;

(b) if so, what is the import content in that target;

(c) whether any plan for indigenisation of the enhanced number of units has also been decided, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if there is no indigenisation plan for the enhanced target, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The project re-